

REMARKS

Applicant has deleted claims 1-27 and added new claims 43-84. The new claims are believed to put the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also enclosed an Information Disclosure Statement regarding art that was discovered in the preparation of this Preliminary Amendment. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,728,947 to Bengston (hereinafter "Bengston") discloses a workflow distributing apparatus and method. In Bengston, a sequential, workflow-based architecture has a first processor transmitting information to a second processor, a second to a third, etc. Applicant is unable to find any reference in Bengston to various limitations of the present claims. For example, there appears to be no reference to an asynchronous messaging environment, a centralized architecture, a monitoring message nor a central message repository as disclosed for example, in Claim 43 of the present invention.

U.S. Patent No. 6,725,445 to Leymann, et. al. ("Leymann") discloses a system for minimizing notifications in workflow management system. In Leymann, a workflow management system is taught that provides users with a series of notifications about work

product. Applicant is unable to find any reference in Leymann to various limitations of the present claims. For example, there appears to be no reference to a monitoring message nor a central message repository, as disclosed for example, in Claim 43 of the present invention.

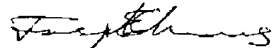
U.S. Patent No. 6,510,429 to Todd ("Todd") discloses an apparatus and method for message queuing in a database system. In Todd, messages are queued in a database, apparently prior to being delivered, in order to provide for use of their information. Applicant is unable to find any reference in Todd to various limitations of the present claims. For example, there appears to be no reference to a monitoring message nor original message data comprising the status of a process, sub process or activity, as disclosed for example, in Claim 43 of the present invention.

U.S. Patent No. 6,092,102 to Wagner ("Wagner") discloses a system and method for notifying users about information or events of an enterprise. In Wagner, a user is notified upon the existence of various events. Applicant is unable to find any reference in Wagner to various limitations of the present claims. For example, there appears to be no reference to a monitoring message, a central message repository, nor original message data comprising the status of a process, sub process or activity, as disclosed for example, in Claim 43 of the present invention.

This review of the art that Applicant has presented herein would appear to indicate that the claims, as amended, are allowable.

Accordingly, in light of the preliminary amendments and remarks above,
Applicant respectfully requests early action and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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